**Welcome to OUR SAVIOUR’S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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*\* All who are able please stand L: Leader; P: People*

Prelude Accompanist: Craig Bowden

Words of Welcome and Good News

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: How shall we know that we have found favor in Your sight, O God?  
**P: How do children know that they are created in Your image?**L: How do we raise up youth to always know Your presence goes with them?  
**P: How do we find this faith within ourselves, O God?**L: With Moses, we implore, “Show us Your glory.”  
**P: With the children, we seek Your graciousness now.**

\*HYMN: “Abide with Me, Fast falls the Eventide” R284/Projected

\*INVOCATION

**ALL: God of forever and right now, by Your Spirit open our ears to hear Your Word to us in scripture, in sermon, and in song. Open our eyes to see Your Word to us in children’s faces, in troubling statistics, in our action together. Open our hearts to feel Your Word to us in the warmth of love, in the ache of sadness, in the energy of commitment. Strengthen our desire for justice for all children, and our wills to advocate and organize, so that all children may grow up safe, and thrive in community.**

RESPONSE & INVITATION: “Alleluia” by Jerry Sinclair

**Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia,**

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WITNESS OF FAITH: Isaiah 45:1-7

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 96:1-9

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Let us confess our sin, trusting in God’s grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL: Growing God, we confess that we cling to the comfortable, fall back on the familiar, and allow apathy to dull our hearts and our commitment. We shrug our shoulders and say that poverty is inevitable even as it deprives children of the fullness of life that You intend, and they deserve. We throw up our hands at the number of children without health coverage and accept what is unacceptable. We shake our heads over the bursting prisons but turn away from the things that push children toward prison rather than keeping them on the path to success.  
 Forgive us, Growing God, for callousness instead of compassion,**

**for discouragement instead of determination, for selfishness instead of service. Allow us to grow into Your ways and find favor in Your sight. Mature with us so that just love may be realized for all Your children. Daydream with us so that we might do justice on the behalf of all children. Answer these prayers we pray in the name of Your Beloved Child, the hope of the world. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Our God grows with us and looks upon our faces, and speaks sweetly saying,  
I will do the very thing you have asked; because of Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

Passing of the Peace [Due to safety issues, Rev. Mundell will give a blessing]

WITNESS OF FAITH: I Thessalonians 1:1-10

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 22:15-22

LEARNING WITH OUR CHILDREN

Animated Telling of the Gospel Story

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH: United Church of Christ Projected

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place**

**I can feel God’s mighty power and God’s Grace**

**I can hear the brush of angel’s wings**

**I see glory on each face**

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place**

SPECIAL MUSIC (Sun.): “In the Garden”

With: Bob Meyer, Kathy Lang, Bonnie Jensen, David Thompson

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Prayer of Our Savior:

**Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,**

**as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,**

**and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN: “Build My Life” with Pat Barrett (ft. Cory Asbury) Projected

MEDITATION: “What Belongs to You” Rev. Kevin Mundell

HYMN: “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken” R304/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

[Offering plates are placed by each of the entrances for safety reasons.]

L: God looks upon your face. God assures you when nothing else can. “My presence will go with you”, God says. “I will give you rest”, God prays. Let us carry this spirit into our giving. Let us praise God with our gifts of tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, you Heavenly Host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**ALL: O God, help us to recover our hope for our children’s sake.   
Help us to recover our courage for our children’s sake.**  
**Help us to recover our discipline for our children’s sake.**  
**Help us to recover our ability to work together for our children’s sake.**  
**Help us to recover our values for our children’s sake.**  
**Help us to recover our faith in You for our children’s sake. Amen.**

\*BENEDICTION: “Go Now in Peace”

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

\*Postlude